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Federal Communications Commission

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Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of

Amendment of Section 73.202(b),
Table of Allotments,
FM Broadcast Stations.
(Jacksonville and Center, Texas)

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MM Docket No. 98-57
RM-9251

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING

Adopted: April 15, 1998

Released: April 24, 1998

Comment Date: June 15, 1998

Reply Comment Date: June 30, 1998

By the Chief, Allocations Branch:

1. The Commission has before it the petition for rule making filed by Robert W. Shivery, ("petitioner) requesting the substitution of Channel 272C2 for Channel 272A at Jacksonville, Texas, and the modification of Station KLJT(FM)'s license to specify operation on Channel 272C2. In order to accommodate the upgrade at Jacksonville, petitioner also requests the substitution of Channel 263A for Channel 262A at Center, Texas, and the modification of Station KDET(FM)'s¹ license accordingly. Petitioner states he will apply for Channel 272C2, if allotted.

2. We believe petitioner's proposal warrants consideration since it could enable Station KLJT to expand its coverage area. Channel 272C2 and Channel 263A can be allotted to Jacksonville and Center, Texas, respectively, in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements. Channel 272C2 can be allotted to Jacksonville with a site restriction of 14.4 kilometers (9.0 miles) southeast.² Channel 263A can be

¹ Dudley Waller, is now the licensee of Station KDET(FM), pursuant to the Commission grant of the application (BTCH-980209EB) transferring control from Thomas Foster to Mr. Waller on March 26, 1998. Mr. Waller has consented in advance to relocate Station KDET(FM)'s transmitter site and change channel to clear the proposed substitution of Channel 272C2 for Channel 272A at Jacksonville, Texas.

² The coordinates for Channel 272C2 at Jacksonville are 31-52-52 NL and 95-09-30 WL.

allotted to Center with a site restriction of 12.6 kilometers (7.8 miles) southeast.³

3. As requested we also propose to modify the license for Station KLJT at Jacksonville to specify operation on Channel 272C2. In accordance with Section 1.420(g) of the Commission's Rules, we will not accept competing expressions of interest for the use of Channel 272C2 at Jacksonville or require petitioner to demonstrate the availability of an additional equivalent class channel for use by such parties.

4. Accordingly, we seek comments on the proposed amendment of the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, for the communities listed below, to read as follows:

City	Channel No.	
	Present	Proposed
Jacksonville, Texas	272A, 293C	272C2, 293C
Center, Texas	272A	263A

5. The Commission's authority to institute rule making proceedings, showings required, cut-off procedures, and filing requirements are contained in the attached Appendix and are incorporated by reference herein. In particular, we note that a showing of continuing interest is required by paragraph 2 of the Appendix before a channel will be allotted.

6. Interested parties may file comments on or before June 15, 1998, and reply comments on or before June 30, 1998, and are advised to read the Appendix for the proper procedures. Comments should be filed with the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. Additionally, a copy of such comments should be served on the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows:

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7. The Commission has determined that the relevant provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to rule making proceedings to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules. See Certification That Sections 603 and 604 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act Do Not Apply to Rule Making to Amend Sections

³ The coordinates for Channel 263A at Center, Texas, are 31-42-13 NL and 94-06-05 WL.

73.202(b), 73.504 and 73.606(b) of the Commission's Rules, 46 FR 11549, February 9, 1981.

8. For further information concerning this proceeding, contact Pam Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202)418-2180. For purposes of this restricted notice and comment rule making proceeding, members of the public are advised that no ex parte presentations are permitted from the time the Commission adopts a Notice of Proposed Rule Making until the proceeding has been decided and such decision is no longer subject to reconsideration by the Commission or review by any court. An ex parte presentation is not prohibited if specifically requested by the Commission or staff for the clarification or adduction of evidence or resolution of issues in the proceeding. However, any new written information elicited from such a request or a summary of any new oral information shall be served by the person making the presentation upon the other parties to the proceeding unless the Commission specifically waives this service requirement. Any comment which has not been served on the petitioner constitutes an ex parte presentation and shall not be considered in the proceeding. Any reply comment which has not been served on the person(s) who filed the comment, to which the reply is directed, constitutes an ex parte presentation and shall not be considered in the proceeding.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Mass Media Bureau

Attachment: Appendix

APPENDIX

1. Pursuant to authority found in Sections 4(i), 5(c)(1), 303(g) and (r), and 307(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Sections 0.61, 0.204(b) and 0.283 of the Commission's Rules, IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, as set forth in the Notice of Proposed Rule Making to which this Appendix is attached.

2. Showings Required. Comments are invited on the proposal(s) discussed in the Notice of Proposed Rule Making to which this Appendix is attached. Proponent(s) will be expected to answer whatever questions are presented in initial comments. The proponent of a proposed allotment is also expected to file comments even if it only resubmits or incorporates by reference its former pleadings. It should also restate its present intention to apply for the channel if it is allotted and, if authorized, to build a station promptly. Failure to file may lead to denial of the request.

3. Cut-off protection. The following procedures will govern the consideration of filings in this proceeding.

(a) Counterproposals advanced in this proceeding itself will be considered, if advanced in initial comments, so that parties may comment on them in reply comments. They will not be considered if advanced in reply comments. (See Section 1.420(d) of the Commission's Rules).

(b) With respect to petitions for rule making which conflict with the proposals in this Notice, they will be considered as comments in the proceeding, and Public Notice to this effect will be given as long as they are filed before the date for filing initial comments herein. If they are filed later than that, they will not be considered in connection with the decision in this docket.

(c) The filing of a counterproposal may lead the Commission to allot a different channel than was requested for any of the communities involved.

4. Comments and Reply Comments. Service. Pursuant to applicable procedures set out in Sections 1.415 and 1.420 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates set forth in the Notice of Proposed Rule Making to which this Appendix is attached. All submissions by parties to this proceeding or by persons acting on behalf of such parties must be made in written comments, reply comments, or other appropriate pleadings. Comments shall be served on the petitioner by the person filing the comments. Reply comments shall be served on the person(s) who filed comments to which the reply is directed. Such comments and reply comments shall be

accompanied by a certificate of service. (See Section 1.420(a), (b) and (c) of the Commission's Rules.) Comments should be filed with the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554.

5. Number of Copies. In accordance with the provisions of Section 1.420 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, an original and four copies of all comments, reply comments, pleadings, briefs, or other documents shall be furnished the Commission.

6. Public Inspection of Filings. All filings made in this proceeding will be available for examination by interested parties during regular business hours in the Commission's Public Reference Room at its headquarters, 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC.